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State Board of Review Meeting: July 26, 2019

The State Board of Review for the National Register of Historic Places will meet on Friday, July 26, 2019 at 10:30 am at the SC Archives & History Center in Columbia. The Board will consider the following nominations:

- R. J. and Lula Ginn House, Anderson, Anderson County
- Mosquito Beach Historic District, Sol Legare Island, Charleston County
- Mt. Zion Institute High School, Winnsboro, Fairfield County
- Greer Downtown Historic District (Boundary Increase), Greer, Greenville County
- Holly Springs School, Belton, Greenville County
- Myrtle Beach Downtown Historic District, Myrtle Beach, Horry County
- Chapin Commercial Historic District, Chapin, Lexington County

The public is welcome to attend the meeting. For more information about the State Board of Review visit <https://scdah.sc.gov/historic-preservation/programs/national-register/state-review-board> or contact Virginia Harness at vharness@scdah.sc.gov, 803-896-6179. Draft nominations will available online after July 12.

New Listings in the National Register of Historic Places

The following properties in South Carolina were recently listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Click on the linked names to access the nomination forms and photographs from the SC Historic Properties Record (SCHPR) <http://schpr.sc.gov/>. For more information about the National Register program visit <https://scdah.sc.gov/historic-preservation/programs/national-register>.

[Woodlawn](#) in Quinby (Florence County) was listed in the National Register on May 13, 2019. Completed in 1960 and expanded in 1965 and 1967, Woodlawn is a two-story single-family home that is a locally significant late landmark example of Colonial Revival and Neoclassical architecture. These styles were originally popular among turn of the century Gilded Age elites, but elaborate, high style examples such as Woodlawn were uncommon by the middle of the twentieth century. Built as a showcase home by owner Charles Mitchell, the property consists of a residential wing, ballroom wing, and guest wing that intersect to form a central courtyard. The home's interior showcases a variety of heavily carved wood moldings in a variety of motifs created by the owner's company, Driwood Molding. The exterior is heavily influenced by Colonial Williamsburg in Virginia, while interiors, especially in the ballroom wing, are based on the architectural precedent established by John Ringling's Ca' d'Zan and Henry Flagler's Whitehall in Florida.

The [Tawana Motel](#) at 7501 N. Ocean Blvd. in Myrtle Beach, was also listed in the National Register on May 13, 2019. The Tawana Motel, later known as the Holiday Shores Motel, was constructed in 1965-1966. It is significant for its association with the city's mid-twentieth century rise as a tourist destination and as an example of Populuxe architecture. The motel consists of two L-shaped buildings enclosing a courtyard and a single-family home. The buildings are concrete block and feature aluminum and glass storefronts along their interior elevations, providing visual access to the courtyard. The buildings' flat roofs, construction materials, and sleek design are characteristic of the International Style. The motel utilizes its position on the corner to be highly visible to passing motorists on the busy thoroughfare of Ocean Boulevard. There, it and similarly affordable, family-owned motels helped expand popular access to leisure and recreation, undergirding Myrtle Beach's modern tourism industry.

The [Five Points Historic District](#) in Columbia was listed in the National Register on May 20, 2019. The Five Points Historic District is a commercial area in downtown Columbia developed in the early-twentieth century to serve as a retail town center for white residential suburbs located on what was then the city's southeastern edge. It is significant for its association with commerce and community planning and development. Two star-shaped, five-point intersections give area its name and belie its twentieth-century growth in the city's otherwise orthogonal 1786 grid. The layout of the streets in Five Points is integral to the neighborhood's development and historic character. Following extensive infrastructure that improved the land's drainage and accessibility, its 82 resources were almost all built within the period of significance: 1919 to 1967. Wide Harden Street acts as the district's spine with blocks of commercial development stretching off along College Street, Greene Street, Devine Street, Santee Avenue, and Saluda Avenue.

The [Dr. Cyril O. Spann Medical Office](#) at 2226 Hampton Street in Columbia was listed in the National Register on May 20, 2019. The Dr. Cyril O. Spann Medical Office is a small, one-story building located in a mixed use sector in Columbia's historically African American Waverly neighborhood. It is significant for its association with the history of segregated healthcare facilities in Columbia and with Dr. Cyril O. Spann, believed to have been the

only black surgeon in South Carolina in the 1960s and early '70s. The building is of simple, Modern design typical of the early 1960s, and it served as Spann's office from its 1963 construction until Spann's death in 1979. It is located near the former Good Samaritan-Waverly Hospital, a segregated black hospital established in 1952 where Spann served as chief of staff from 1966 until the hospital's closure in 1973. Unlike the segregated hospital wings and waiting rooms that typically greeted black patients seeking care, Dr. Spann's office was one created by and for African Americans. A distinctly modern, purpose-built doctor's office, Spann's practice marked a shift from earlier African American doctors' offices in Columbia, which were often located in residences or re-purposed buildings.

Tax Credit Spotlight

This month's spotlight is the Jackson Street cottages in Charleston. The four single-story structures, known as 'Freedman's Cottages', are timber-framed, rectangular shaped structures built in the early 1890s for low to middle income families (both African American and white) during the urban expansion north from Charleston's city center. The cottages each featured wood clapboard walls, a gable roof clad in metal, a piazza with a piazza screen door, and masonry foundations and chimneys. The interiors were finished in plaster, sometimes with paint or wallpaper, and beadboard. The four cottages were in fragile condition and required extreme care throughout the stabilization process. The rehabilitation of the Jackson Street cottages was completed in 2018 and included stabilization of the structures with temporary shoring measures, repairs to the foundations, rebuilding of the roof and wall systems, repairs to the floors and piazzas, repairs to the existing historic windows, and new windows where windows were no longer extant. New mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems were installed, and the interior was restored with plaster and beadboard. The project is seeking federal and state income-producing tax credits with a private investment cost of approximately \$1.8 million.



Remembering the Founder of SC's Historic Preservation Office

Mrs. Christie Fant, who with Dr. Charles Lee established the SC State Historic Preservation Office as a program of the Department of Archives and History, recently passed away in Columbia at the age of 99. To learn more about her legacy in historic preservation in South Carolina visit <https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/thestate/obituary.aspx?n=christie-fant&pid=193160705&fhid=5564>.

Preparing Communities for Natural Disasters

The SC Association for Community Economic Development (SCACED) is offering "Community Resiliency: Preparing Your Organization and Community for Natural Disasters", a three-day training series in Charleston. Dates of the sessions are July 10, August 7, and September 11 from 10 am to 4 pm. More information is available in the [workshop announcement](#). Registration is now open, and is \$75 for SCACED members and \$100 for non-members (prices are for all three sessions).

Preservation Society of Charleston Offers Preservation News

The Preservation Society of Charleston collects local, regional, and national news and articles as a resource for the local community. While many of the articles are focused on issues and projects in Charleston and the Lowcountry, news from around the state is also included. Articles are available at <https://www.preservationsociety.org/news.php?catetwo=3>.

Mid-Century Commercial Architecture Symposium: Call for Proposals

The College of Environment and Design at the University of Georgia will host a one-day digital symposium dedicated to the identification and evaluation of mid-century commercial architecture on October 25, 2019. The live streaming symposium will include all geographic regions and commercial architecture sub-types. It will introduce attendees to multiple mid-century commercial topics and real-world challenges facing this resource type. They are currently seeking session proposals. For information [please visit this website](#). **Proposals will be accepted through June 28, 2019.** Please contact Laura Kviklys, lkviklys@uga.edu or 706-542-1028 with any questions.

Legislation to Enhance the Historic Tax Credit Introduced in Congress

The Historic Tax Credit Growth and Opportunity Act (H.R 2825) was introduced in the House and would make several changes to improve and enhance the Historic Tax Credit (HTC). It would eliminate the tax credit basis adjustment, which decreases the value of the HTC, increase the credit from 20% to 30%, and allow for the transfer of credits as a tax certificate, for projects under \$2.5 million. These changes are intended to make the credit more appealing and improve access for smaller projects.

Conferences / Workshops / Events

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American Association of State and Local History Annual Meeting, August 28-31, 2019, Philadelphia, PA. More information is available at <https://aaslh.org/2019annualmeeting/>.

Georgia 2019 Statewide Historic Preservation Conference, September 18-20, 2019, Rome, GA. More information will be available [online](#).

NEW Preservation Leadership Training: Board Building and Preservation Planning Workshop, September 19–21, Boston, MA. This training is designed to address the specific needs of executive directors, trustees, and boards managing African American historic sites and museums. Click on [this link](#) for more information. **Applications are due July 3**. Questions? Email plt@savingplaces.org.

Association for the Study of African American Life and History Annual Meeting and Conference, October 2–6, 2019, North Charleston. The theme of the 104th annual meeting and conference is “Black Migrations”. More information is available at <https://asalh.org/conference/>.

NEW American Revolution Symposium, October 5, 2019, Columbia. For more information about this event sponsored by the SC Archives and History Foundation, including registration and agenda, visit <https://scarchivesandhistoryfoundation.org/2018/12/20/2019-american-revolution-symposium/>.

Southeast Chapter of the Society of Architectural Historians 2019 Annual Conference, October 10-12, 2019, Greenville. The conference will be co-hosted with the Clemson University School of Architecture. More information is available at <https://sesah.org/2019/02/15/sesah-2019-call-for-papers-and-sessions/>.

2019 PastForward National Preservation Conference, October 10-12, 2019, Denver, CO. Updates will be posted at <https://www.pastforwardconference.org/pastforward19/>. Registration will open July 1.

NEW American Cultural Resources Association 25th Annual Meeting, October 24-27, 2019, Spokane, WA. Visit <https://www.acra-crm.org/annual-conference-2019> for more information. **Early bird conference registration is available until July 15, 2019.**

NEW Visual Resource Stewardship Conference: Seeking 20/20 Vision for Landscape Futures, October 27-30, 2019. Argonne National Laboratory, Lemont, IL. More information is at this link <http://vrconference.evs.anl.gov/>

Association for Preservation Technology's (APT) Annual Conference, November 19-23, 2019, Miami, FL. Visit <https://www.eventscribe.com/2019/APT/> for more information.

NEW Society for Historical Archaeology Conference on Historical and Underwater Archaeology, January 8-11, 2020, Boston, MA. For more information visit the conference webpage <https://sha.org/conferences/>.

Grant Application Deadlines

NEW August 14, 2019 Humanities Council SC Major Grants. Major Grants (\$2000 - \$8000) support public programs designed to be accessible by a broad audience, to serve citizens in urban, rural, and small-town settings, and to make possible humanities programs that illuminate and enrich the lives of both audiences and scholars. Drafts are strongly encouraged and will be accepted any time prior to the deadline. For more information see <http://schumanities.org/grants/howtoapply> or contact the office at tjwallace@schumanities.org.

Online sources of grant information:

[National Trust for Historic Preservation Special Grant Funds](#)
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